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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1711  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

It is requested that the enclosed references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/018,922, which is cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, is pending in Group Art Unit 1743. Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/362,809, which is cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, is pending in Group Art Unit 1645. No Examiner has been assigned in either application. Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/049,961, which is cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, is pending before Examiner Sharmila Gollamudi, in Group Art Unit 1616. Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/018,866, which is cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, is pending before Examiner Rachel Bennett, in Group Art Unit 1615. Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/715,355, which is cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, is pending before Examiner Susan Tran, in Group Art Unit 1615. Copending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/220,718 and 10/220,109, which are cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, are both pending before Examiner Todd Ware, in Group Art Unit 1615.

Applicants have enclosed a copy of the English translation of each pending Specification, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii). If the Examiner is unable to obtain copies of any other papers from Group Art Units 1615, 1616, 1645 or 1743, Applicants will provide such additional papers upon written request of the Examiner in a subsequent Office Action in the instant application. The remainder of the enclosed references were cited, either by the Examiners or Applicants, in the copending U.S. patent applications.

Independent consideration and acknowledgement of the enclosed references are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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